

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Examiner Amendment, filed on 12/16/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claim 1: on Line 19, after the word "pixels " delete "and bit positions for" and insert the following: --- wherein for each of the L ---.

Claim 1, on Line 20, after word "group." insert the following: --- L upper bits, one for each of the L pixels, are stored contiguously in the first sub-group and L lower bits, one for each of the L pixels, are stored contiguously in the second sub-group adjacent to the first sub-group ---.

Claim 8: on Line 15, after the word "group," insert the following: --- the display data being further organized such that, for each of L pixels in a particular group, L upper bits, one for each of the L pixels, are stored contiguously in the first sub-group and L lower bits, one for each of the L pixels, are stored contiguously in the second sub-group adjacent to the first sub-group ---.

Claims 12-13 canceled.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Michael T. Gabrik on 12.15.05.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-11 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the cited references teaches or suggests a driving method of a display device that includes: simultaneously reading from a single display data RAM N-bit display data for each of the plurality of segment electrodes, the single display data RAM having an address space in which the display data is organized according to the groups of pixels defined by the commonly selected electrodes and respective segment electrodes and bit positions for pixels in the particular group, the display data being further organized such that, for each of L pixels in a particular group, L upper bits, one for each of the L pixels, are stored contiguously in the first sub-group and L lower bits, one for each of the L pixels, are stored contiguously in the second sub-group adjacent to the first sub-group as disclosed in claims 1 and 8. The closest art (Shingo and Furukawa) disclose related drivers, either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate suggest these limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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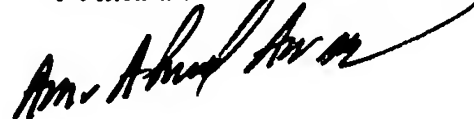
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid Shapiro whose telephone number is 571-272-7683. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on 571-272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amr A. Awad", is written over a large, stylized, hand-drawn oval shape.